

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0373

Title: Revise strip and underground mine reclamation act

Primary Sponsor: Olson, A

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	FY 2004 Difference	FY 2005 Difference
Expenditures:	\$0	\$0
Revenue:	\$0	\$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

Department of Environmental Quality

1. HB 373 would affect DEQ's coal regulatory program involving post mining land use and revegetation, and shorten maximum review time for minor revision applications from 120 days to 60 days (plus an additional 30 with concurrence from the operator).
2. The changes involving post mining land use and revegetation would allow operators to submit revisions to their reclamation plans that incorporate statutory changes in these areas. To the extent that operators exercise these options, it will result in additional permit revision processing by the coal program, including review and revision of previous EISs and EAs that were written on currently-approved reclamation plans. Depending on the time required for this additional permit processing and the priorities established for these projects, other responsibilities that the coal program must meet could be delayed and other services that it provides could be delayed or canceled, given an unchanged level of staff and operational funding.
3. The proposed change of maximum review time for minor revision applications would also have an effect on the coal program for some large minor revision applications that have historically taken longer than 60 days to review due to their complexity and the multiple subject areas involved. The shortening of review time for such large and complex revision applications could result in a delay in meeting other responsibilities or delay or cancellation of other services provided by the coal program, given an unchanged level of staff and operational funding.